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Introduction

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the Office Action dated February 14, 2001.

In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

10. A stepping machine, comprising:

a frame designed to rest upon a floor surface;

a left crank and a right crank, wherein each said crank is rotatably mounted on said frame;

a left guide and a right guide, wherein each said guide is mounted on the frame for movement in reciprocal fashion relative thereto; and